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1. HIGHLIGHTS. SATURDAY WASHPOST FRONTPAGED IKLE URGES

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RETIREMENT OF LAND-BASED ICBMS; NYTIMES FRONTPAGED OIL FLOW

LIFTS EUROPE'S FEARS OF RECESSION. SUNDAY PAPERS FRONT-PAGED SOVIETS DENY PLAN TO SELL WHEAT BACK TO US AT PROFIT. MONDAY PAPERS REPORT GROMYKO'S ARRIVAL FOR NIXON TALKS. SOME SCATTERED COMMENT.

1A. THURSDAY WASHPOST HAD INSIDE KAISER MOSCOW REPORTING LITERARY GAZETTE PUBLISHED INTERVIEWS STRESSING RUSSIA IS ALREADY OPEN TO FOREIGN IDEAS THAT DEEPEN MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND RESPECT RUSSIAN SOVEREIGNTY AND CUSTOMS. FRIDAY WASHPOST HAD LOCAL REUTER REPORTING US SEEN NEAR POSITION DRAFT ON SALT TALKS AS DIFFERENCES ARE LARGELY RESOLVED.

1B. SATURDAY WASHPOST REPORTED PENTAGON IS ASKING INCREASED APPROPRIATIONS; BALTSUN HAD WASHINGTON AP SAYING NIXON PLANS SOVIET TRIP, PROBABLY IN JUNE; NYTIMES HAD GELB WASHINGTON, SOVIET SHOWING CONCERN OVER AMERICAN RELATIONS. MONDAY PAPERS REPORT GROMYKO ARRIVAL AND KISSINGER MENTIONING SALT AND EUROPEAN SECURITY AS EXAMPLES OF TOPICS BUT PRIMARY ISSUE WILL BE MIDEAST. POST ALSO REPORTS SOVIETS URGE EXCHANGE OF LEGISLATORS.

2. IKLE INTERVIEW. WASHPOST GETLER REPORTS ACDA'S IKLE AS CALLING FOR US TO MOVE AWAY FROM OBSOLETE AND VULNERABLE LAND-BASED MISSILES THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS AND NATIONAL FORCE PLANNING. GETLER SAYS HE GAVE FIRST PUBLIC SUGGESTION BY AN ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL THAT US SHOULD UNDERTAKE A MAJOR SHIFT IN ITS DETERRENT FORCE. IKLE EXPECTS SOVIETS WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO REDUCE THEIR HEAVY INVESTMENT IN LAND-BASED MISSILES AND PROPOSES THE ELIMINATION OVER SEVERAL YEARS. AS DOES AMERICAN FEDERATION OF SCIENTISTS. HE SUPPORTS SCHLESINGER'S RETARGETING PROPOSAL AS MAKING POSSIBLE A LIMITED RESPONSE AGAINST MILITARY TARGETS, A LAST CHANGE -- SHOULD SOMETHING HAVE GONE WRONG - TO AVERT THE UTMOST CATASTROPHE.

3. RUSSIAN RELATIONS. SUNDAY NYTIMES GELB REPORTED TONE OF SOVIET DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY IN WASHINGTON HAS SHIFTED FROM CONFIDENCE TO CONCERN ABOUT US SUPPORT FOR IMPROVING RELATIONS IN AFTERMATH OF MIDDLE EAST WAR. DIPLOMATS, UNCLASSIFIED

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OFFICIALS AND CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES SAY THIS SHIFT HAS NOT YET LED TO COMPARABLE CHANGE IN SOVIET POLICIES BUT ADD SHIFTS IN RUSSIAN STYLE USUALLY PORTEND NEW POLICIES. EARLY SIGNALS SUCH AS OFFERS TO SELL BACK US WHEAT, REPORTS OF MOSCOW'S PRODDING SYRIA ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL, AND WHAT OFFICIALS CALL A SERIOUS SOVIET PROPOSAL AT MBFR CONFERENCE ALL POINT TO NEW CONCILIATORY PHASE, BUT SOURCES STRESS THAT IT IS TOO SOON TO TELL. ONE SOURCE

REMARKED, ACCORDING GELB, THAT SOVIETS ARE SEEKING OUR ADVICE ON HOW TO FIX THEIR IMAGE, ANOTHER SOURCE ADDING SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICIALS HAVE SAID "AMERICAN OFFICIALS HAVE SAID OUR PROPOSAL AT SALT TALKS IS OUTRAGEOUS BUT WE THINK THEIR PROPOSAL IS OUTRAGEOUS. HOW CAN WE CONVINCE CONGRESS OF THIS?" ONE CONGRESSIONAL SOURCE SAID RUSSIANS CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY KISSINGER CAN'T SHAPE OPINION ON CAPITOL HILL ON MUTUAL REDUCTION OF FORCES THE WAY HE DOES ON EVERYTHING ELSE, OR WHY CAN'T HE REMOVE SOME DOUBTS ABOUT DETENTE. SOME OFFICIALS SAY RUSSIANS MAY HAVE LEGITIMATE GROUNDS FOR BELIEVING THAT THEY HAVE BEEN GETTING LESS OUT OF THE NEWMOOD IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS THAN THEY HAVE BEEN PUTTING INTO IT.

3A. WASHPOST LOCAL REPORTS VICE PRESIDENT FORD ON FACE THE NATION YESTERDAY SAID HE AND SPEAKER ALBERT HAD PRECEIVED MESSAGES FROM THEIR SOVIET COUNTERPARTS INVITING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO MEET ON A REGULAR BASIS WITH MEMBERS OF SUPREME SOVIET IN ORDER TO BROADEN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, FORD ADDING: I THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE PARLIAMENTARIANS DISCUSSING AND WORKING ON MUTUAL PROBLEMS IN ADDITION TO HEADS OF STATE DOING SO. STORY SAYS FORD SAID NOTHING OF SUBSTANCE WHICH MIGHT BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH SESSIONS.

4. COMMENT. SUNDAY LATIMES DISAPPROVES OF ADMINISTRATION PROPOSAL TO SHIFT NUCLEAR STRATEGY, CLAIMING THAT NUCLEAR WARS ARE LESS LIKELY TO OCCUR IF THEY REMAIN UNTHINKABLE. TIMES CALLS FOR U TO PRESS RUSSIA TO RECOGNIZE THAT LAND-BASED MISSILES ARE OBSOLETE AND SHOULD BE ELIMINATED. LOUISVILLE COURIER-JOURNAL JANUARY 24 ALSO OPPOSED RE-TARGETING STRATEGY, SAYING IT COULD PROMOTE NEW ARMS RACE; PAPER FAVORS JACKSON SUGGESTION OF

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CUTBACKS IN NUMBERS OF MISSILES.

4A. SUNDAY BALTSUN TERMS IT CONVENIENT FOR US BRASS THAT SOVIETS HAVE PUT THEIR MIRVS THROUGH LONG-RANGE TESTS JUST BEFORE UNVEILING OF PENTAGON BUDGET. COMMENTING ON REP. ASPIN'S SUSPICION THAT PENTAGON WILL ASK LOT MORE MONEY TO DEVELOP NEW MARV, SUN SEES RUSSIAN AND AMERICAN PEOPLE REMARKABLY PATIENT ABOUT SPENDING BILLIONS ON WEAPONS. ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH JANUARY 29 DISAGREED WITH GEN. GOODPASTER ON USING SMALLER NUKES, SAYING US COULD BE TEMPTED TO THINK NUCLEAR WARFARE COULD BE CONTROLLED.

4B. DETROIT NEWS JANUARY 19 AND SAN DIEGO UNION JANUARY 17 TOOK OFF FROM GRECHKO'S SWORD-RATTLING SPEECH AND

AFFIRM THAT AMERICA MUST NOT WILLINGLY REDUCE HERSELF TO SECOND PLACE IN THE WORLD OF MILITARY STRENGTH.

4C. SUNDAY WASHPOST ROSENFELD HAD COLUMN REFERRING TO SUPPOSED KISSINGER-SCHLESINGER BATTLE OVER WHO IS TO MAKE FOREIGN POLICY, CONCLUDING THERE IS NATURAL HIGH-LOW APPROACH IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND NOW KISSINGER IS HOLDING CARROT AND SCHLESINGER THE STICK. ROSENFELD SEES KISSINGER-SCHLESINGER TENSION AS PROFESSIONAL AND NOT ONLY UNAVOIDABLE BUT ESSENTIAL, ADDING NIXON AND REST OF US ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE TWO SUCH TALENTED MEN IN GOVERNMENT'S SERVICE.

5. TIME MAGAZINE'S COVERSTORY IS ON JAMES SCHLESINGER, ENTITLED ARMING TO DISARM IN THE AGE OF DETENTE, SAYS RECENT RUSSIAN MISSILE TESTS IN PACIFIC INDICATED TO PENTAGON THAT SUCCESSFUL FIRINGS WERE FRESH CONFIRMATION THAT, FOR ALL THE GENUINE GAINS OF DETENTE, THE ARMS RACE BETWEEN THE SUPERPOWERS IS VERY MUCH ALIVE, AND LEADS AMERICAN ANALYSTS TO FEAR THAT IN MID-1980'S SOVIETS MIGHT FINALLY OVERTAKE US. NEW ROUND IN ARMS RACE SEEMS LIKELY TO BE PREVENTED, SAYS TIME, ONLY IF THE TWO COUNTRIES DECIDE TO ACCEPT A MEASURE OF MILITARY PARITY, AND NEGOTIATE PERMANENT LIMITS TO THEIR NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS. TIME SAYS KISSINGER SCHLESINGER BREAKFAST TOGETHER ONCE A WEEK, SAYS SCHLESINGER'S TASK IS TO PROVIDE THE MUSCLE AND TOOLS TO HELP KISSINGER

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BRING THE ARMS BALANCE BACK IN FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS, AND SCHLESINGER BELIEVES THIS WILL REQUIRE SPENDING MORE MONEY ON THE MILITARY. TIME'S CHARTS SHOW RUSSIA NOT ONLY HAS MORE LAUNCHERS THAN US BUT BIGGER MISSILES--MORE THROW-WEIGHT--WHEREAS US HAS MORE WARHEADS AND GREATER ACCURACY. TIME EXPLAINS THAT SCHLESINGER RE-TARGETING POLICY AIMS TO WAR-GAME EVERY LIMITED ATTACK THE SOVIETS COULD MAKE AND PROGRAM AN APPROPRIATE, SPECIFIC, EQUIVALENT AMERICAN RESPONSE TO IT, DEFENSE SECRETARY SAYING: WE MUST MAINTAIN A MILITARY BALANCE THAT OFFERS NO TEMPTATION TO ANYBODY. TIME SAYS COUNTERFORCE LOOKS LESS LIKE A FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN AMERICAN STRATEGY THAN A FORCEFUL WAY OF TELLING SOVIETS US IS WILLING TO CONTINUE ARMS RACE IF AGREEMENT IS NOT REACHED AT SALT TWO. TIME

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